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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

During the month of April there was one more crash as compared to March. Property damage crashes declined by over 18%, but injury crashes increased significantly by 66%. Fatal crashes remained unchanged at two. Crashes involving commercial vehicles accounted for only 12% of all crashes investigated, one of the lowest percentages since SafeStat began. Of the 15 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 10 were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver, including the one fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle.

Overall enforcement activity was down by 6%, but showed a significant increase over April 2005 by nearly 33%. All areas of enforcement showed small decreases with the exception of "Other Arrests" which increased by over 6%. Even with the modest decline in enforcement activity during the month, Central Command still reported over 4,000 total violations.

The one area of concern from April is the arrest of impaired drivers. The number of arrests prior to a crash declined slightly, but the number of impaired drivers involved in crashes increased sharply. This will be addressed by the Command.

Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers by commercial operations personnel remained consistent with the previous month, 7 more in April. Citations resulting from these inspections declined by only 3 despite total safety violations discovered increasing by over 20%. This increase in violations led to increases in the number of vehicles and drivers being placed "out of service."

Traffic operations personnel conducted 542 Level 2 & 3 inspections during April. This is the highest total since the inception of the program. The 542 inspections led to the discovery of 903 safety violations resulting in 218 citations being issued and 73 drivers being placed "out of service."

The decrease in field enforcement activity led to slight declines in the workload for the Communications Center and Front Office.

The personnel of Central Command are to be complemented on their efforts and continued dedication.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	April-06		April-05	% Change		March-06	% Change
Total Crashes	124		104	19.2%		123	0.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	77		70	10.0%		94	-18.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	45		31	45.2%		27	66.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2		3	-33.3%		2	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	6		2	200.0%		1	500.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2		3	-33.3%		2	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15		20	-25.0%		25	-40.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10		17	-41.2%		19	-47.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4		3	33.3%		6	-33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.6%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 12.1%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ✓ Total crashes increased slightly by 0.8% or one additional crash. Property damage crashes declined by over 18%, however, injury crashes increased by 66% from March. Fatal crashes remained unchanged from March with two each month.
- ✓ The two fatal crashes resulted in two deaths, one driver and one passenger. Neither was wearing a safety belt. The fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle was the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.
- ✓ There were six crashes involving impaired drivers compared to only one in March. This alarming increase will be addressed through additional enforcement efforts. The average BAC for drivers involved in crashes was .135.
- ✓ There were 10 fewer crashes involving commercial vehicles for a 40% reduction. The percentage of crashes involving commercial vehicles as compared to the total crashes, 12.1%, is one of the lowest percentages for the Central Command.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	April-06		April-05	% Change		March-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	6		2	200.0%		1	500.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	29		12	141.7%		32	-9.4%
Other Arrests	169		109	55.0%		159	6.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	88		55	60.0%		88	0.0%
Speed violations	2243		1733	29.4%		2443	-8.2%
Hazardous moving violations	271		239	13.4%		276	-1.8%
Occupant restraint violations *	357		259	37.8%		375	-4.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	4039		3043	32.7%		4304	-6.2%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	57		76	-25.0%		48	18.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	19		10	90.0%		18	5.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	677		471	43.7%		670	1.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	142		116	22.4%		145	-2.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1125		877	28.3%		935	20.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	54		40	35.0%		45	20.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	41		30	36.7%		38	7.9%
Total school buses inspected	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	676		280	141.4%		782	-13.6%
Total overweight citations	5		6	-16.7%		4	25.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	632		439	44.0%		590	7.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ✓ Overall activity declined slightly, 6.2% when compared to march, but increased by over 32% when compared to April 2005. Despite the decline from the previous month, activity still broke the 4000 threshold. This has only occurred recently. There were declines in all categories with the exception of "Other Arrests."
- ✓ Arrests of impaired drivers dipped by 9% or 3 fewer. The average BAC for known results was .158.
- ✓ The number of inspections conducted by Commercial Operations personnel increased by 7 over March. There was a 20% increase in violations discovered despite only a few more inspections. There were also increases in the number of vehicles and drivers placed "out of service."
- ✓ Despite a decline in the number of trucks weighed, there was one additional overweight citation issued. Of the 676 trucks weighed, 124 were on secondary roadways during 255 hours of directed enforcement.

- ✓ Dyed fuel inspections increased by over 7%. Of the 632 inspections, 134 were conducted on secondary roadways during 269 hours of directed enforcement.
- ✓ Traffic Operations personnel conducted 542 Level 2 & 3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This is the highest number of inspections since the program originated. The 542 inspections resulted in 903 violations discovered in which 218 citations were issued and 73 drivers being placed “out of service.”

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
April-06	542	218	903	73	441	0
April-05	272	154	515	34	220	0
% Change	99.3%	41.6%	75.3%	114.7%	100.5%	#DIV/0!
March-06	395	230	699	61	350	0
% Change	37.2%	-5.2%	29.2%	19.7%	26.0%	#DIV/0!

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April-06	April-05	% Change	March-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	91,543	72,697	25.9%	94,667	-3.3%
CAD incidents	11,633	9,377	24.1%	12,106	-3.9%
Telephone Calls	11,628	10,280	13.1%	12,355	-5.9%
Call Box Incidents	23	N/A	#VALUE!	8	187.5%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	85	110	-22.7%	106	-19.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	66	58	13.8%	91	-27.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	26	18	44.4%	24	8.3%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	356	258	38.0%	178	100.0%
Warrants Entered	335	211	58.8%	200	67.5%
Warrants Cleared	265	430	-38.4%	337	-21.4%
Warrants Validated	2241	2271	-1.3%	2191	2.3%
Extradition / Transports	6	6	0.0%	8	-25.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	48	28	71.4%	37	29.7%
New Items Submitted	156	259	-39.8%	106	47.2%
Items Disposed	29	0	2900.0%	7	314.3%

Contract Service overtime for April was 129 hours for 4 contracts totalling \$8,225.

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- ✓ The Communications Center had declines in radio transmissions of 3.3%, CAD incidents of 3.9% and telephone calls of 6%. Call Box incidents increased by over 187%.
- ✓ The Front Office processed 21 fewer accident reports as compared to March. They also processed 20% fewer arrest and officer reports.
- ✓ Court Services received twice as many warrants in April when compared to March. The number of warrants entered also increased substantially, 67%. The number of warrants cleared dropped by over 21% while the number of warrants validated increased by over 2%.
- ✓ The Command's warrant file audit is approximately 60% complete. The audit affects nearly 30,000 warrants currently on file within the Central Command and has been underway since November 2005.
- ✓ The number of new cases of evidence submitted increased by almost 30%. With these new cases came a 47% increase in the number of new items submitted.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ✓ Driver safety programs were held for Cortez Gold, 230 attendees, and for KT Services with 30 students.
- ✓ Tpr. Gonzalez staffed the DPS booth at a career fair held at Great Basin College.
- ✓ The "Every 15 Minutes" DUI program was conducted at the Wells High School with 300 students attending.
- ✓ A DUI program was also presented at Spring Creek High School with 400 students attending.
- ✓ The child safety seat offenders program was conducted with 3 attendees.



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